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# Join Us as The Council Begins a NEW Year!

## Lecture Luncheon

### September 11, 2023

**9:30 am** – Council Tour Guide Liaisons Cheryl Ragsdale and Danna Johnson along with the VMFA curators have created a new guided tour of the museum, especially for the Council Lecture Luncheon events for 2023-2024! Entitled **Curators' Picks: The Jewels of the Crown of the VMFA**, the tours will showcase works of art throughout the museum which have been specifically chosen by our outstanding curators. In conjunction with Council Leadership, curators were asked to select pieces from the collections they oversee that they particularly admire and prize, that is, *the jewels of the VMFA collections*. The pre-lecture tours given throughout the year will include some of these gems, along with works related to the lecture topic. Plan to arrive at 9:15 am in the atrium. Tours will leave promptly at 9:30 am.

Please attend if you sign up for the tours! Our docents work hard to prepare and hope to see you. Their focused tours will add to your appreciation of our lecturer.

**10:30 am - Council Business Meeting and Lecture in The Reynolds Lecture Hall, located on the Lower Level of the museum. The Reynolds Lecture Hall can be easily accessed by elevator or stairs located in the Atrium.** The first lecture of the 2023/2024 season based on "A Return to the Grand Tour: Micromosaic Jewels from the Collection of Elizabeth Locke" will be presented by Dr. Susan J. Rawles and Elizabeth Locke.

Dr. Susan J. Rawles is an Associate Curator of American Painting and Decorative Art at VMFA. Elizabeth Locke is a jewelry designer and successful entrepreneur whose passion for one-of-a-kind antiquities led her to assemble an extensive collection of 19th century micromosaics, which were exhibited at the VMFA in 2019 and are now a part of their permanent collection. Elizabeth Locke will join Dr. Rawles to answer your questions.

**12:00 pm** - Following the lecture there will be a luncheon in the Marble Hall for \$50. Guests are invited to join this luncheon and may be added when you register.

Click [here](#) to register.

**Lecture Luncheon Check-in Assistance Needed**

*8:45 - 10:30 am in the Atrium and after the lecture in the Marble Hall on Monday, September 11*

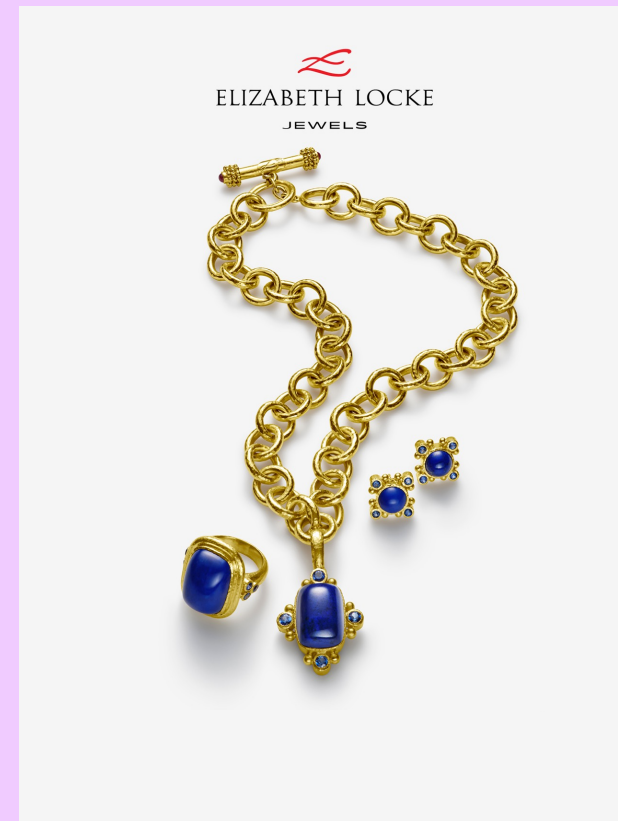
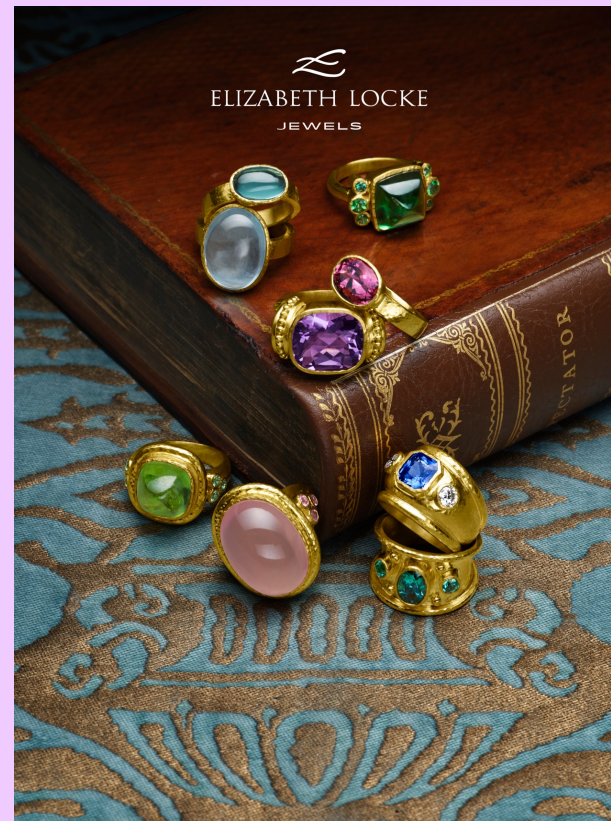
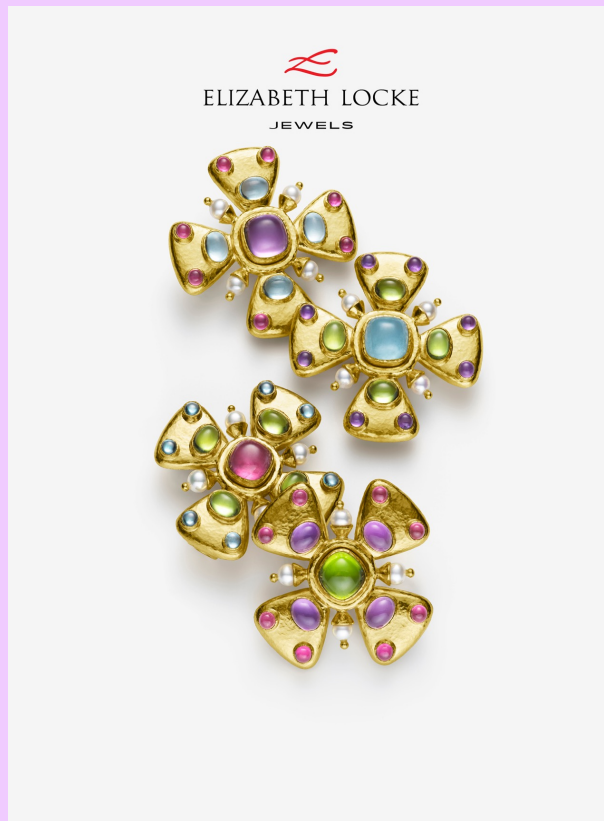
**Please contact MaryMoss Walker ([mmwalker901@gmail.com](mailto:mmwalker901@gmail.com)) if you are available to assist.**



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# Join us Monday, September 11 from 11:00 – 3:00 in the VMFA Shop for an Exclusive Event with Jewelry Artist Elizabeth Locke

Elizabeth draws on a lifelong fascination with the antique jewelry of the Etruscans, Greeks and Romans as she creates her own neo-classical handmade 19k gold jewelry. She selects every stone and designs every piece herself. Her personal collection of more than 100 micromosaics are part of the VMFA's permanent collection. \*Discount exclusions apply





# Volunteer Opportunities



## An Additional Secretary Needed for Fine Arts and Flowers

Fine Arts & Flowers 2024 needs an additional Council member to serve as a co-secretary to take minutes of meetings and perform related tasks. This is a good opportunity for someone good with a computer who is not interested in the flower side of things. Those interested in volunteering for this position should contact Alex McGrath ([amcgrath2@aol.com](mailto:amcgrath2@aol.com)) or Birch Douglass ([birchdouglass@comcast.net](mailto:birchdouglass@comcast.net)) for further information. The time spent serving as a secretary for FA&F counts toward quarterly volunteer hours.

## Join the Technology Team!

The Council's Technology Team is looking to add one or two more members to its team. These members will support the Events application within Wild Apricot. Events software is used to manage online registrations for the growing number of Council member events created by the Membership Enrichment team (such as lecture/luncheons, book club, artistic site visits, etc.) A technology background is preferred. Problem solving and attention to detail are a plus. If interested in learning more, contact Brenda Hubbard at [bhubbard17@yahoo.com](mailto:bhubbard17@yahoo.com). Training will be provided.

## New Volunteer Opportunity – Council Recruitment

Do you love being a Member of the Council? Would you like to help us increase our membership by participating in the Recruiting Committee? If you have skills in PR, Marketing, Outreach, or a background in creative organization, we would love to hear from you. Please email either one of the co-chairs: Uma Basavaraj at [umabasavaraj@hotmail.com](mailto:umabasavaraj@hotmail.com), or Joan Richards at [jsr4003@gmail.com](mailto:jsr4003@gmail.com). Thank you.

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# Special Event Volunteer Opportunity

**The next VMFA Family Day, *Celebrating the Art of Latin America: Colombia!*, will be on Saturday, September 9, 2023.**

**Volunteers are needed for the following shifts:**

- *Full day from 10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.*
- *Morning shift from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.*
- *Afternoon shift from 12:30-3:30 p.m.*

**Assignments will include:**

- assisting with art activity stations
- greeting and way finding
- ushering
- assisting with artist demonstration areas
- counting visitors to the event



If you are interested in volunteering on Family Day, contact Kim Frola ([Kim.Frola@vmfa.museum](mailto:Kim.Frola@vmfa.museum)).

**October Book Chat**  
Monday, October 2, 2023

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and the Teachings of Plants

**ROBIN WALL KIMMERER**

The MEP Committee will sponsor a **Connect and Learn tour of VMFA's Conservation area on Thursday, September 28**. There will be two opportunities. The first tour will begin at 10 am and a second tour at 4 pm. Each tour will be limited to 12 participants and will last approximately one hour. Registration details will be published in a future issue of Council Connections. Thanks to Debbie Linn for hosting these tours.

**Save the Date**

Connect and Learn  
Tour of VMFA's  
Conservation Area  
Thursday  
September 28, 2023  
10:00 am  
and  
4:00 pm

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## Reminders:

Log in to Volgistics [here](#) to update your profile and enter your volunteer hours today!

If you have an article to include in the September 4 issue of [VMFA Council Connections](#), please contact Linda Gill ([lagill@verizon.net](mailto:lagill@verizon.net)) or Diane Barbour ([dbarb9214@aol.com](mailto:dbarb9214@aol.com)) by **August 31**.

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